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In re Application of:

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SCHWEITZER, PETER Application No. 09/842,076

120 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE

EAST HANOVER NJ 07936

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BROADCASTING AN EMERGENCY

WARNING OVER A TELEPHONE

NETWORK

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on February 5, 2002 under MPEP 708.02 (IV), applicant's age.

A petition to make special under MPEP 708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a drivers' license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a declaration in support of the petition signed by the sole inventor, Peter Schweitzer, stating that he is 81 years of age as of December 2001.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited action.

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